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Additionally, prior to the death of Inventor Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell was appointed as an officer of the Assignee with authority to act on the Assignee's behalf. Therefore, Mrs. Mitchell has also executed the necessary documents concerning the consent of the Assignee. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of Inventor Mitchell's death certificate and letters of appointment naming Mrs. Mitchell as an officer of Assignee.

Finally, Applicant has submitted herewith the original Letters Patent along with the original Certificate of Correction.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in proper form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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